NEW EXEMPTIONS Softwinded				
Application No.	Docket No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of exemption thereof
11946–N	RSPA-97-2900	Regional Airline Association, Washington, DC.	49 CFR 173.34(e)	To authorize an alternative maintenance/in- spection program in lieu of that required in 49 CFR 173.34(e) for certain DOT specification and non-DOT specification cylinders used as components in aircraft fire suppressant sys- tems. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
11947–N	RSPA-97-2901	Patts Fabrication & Services, Odessa, TX.	49 CFR 178.253	To authorize the manufacture, mark and sale of non-specification 60 gallon portable metal tanks designed and constructed in accordance with DOT-Specification 57, with certain exceptions, for use in transporting Flammable liquids, n.o.s., Class 3. (mode 1)
11948–N	RSPA-97-2902	Sumitomo Corporation, San Francisco, CA.	49 CFR 173, Subpart G	To authorize the transportation in commerce of non-specification cylinders manufactured and filled in Japan for use in transporting certain compressed gases. (modes 1, 2, 3)
11953–N	RSPA-97-2903	Manchester Tank, Brentwood, TN.	49 CFR 178.61(a)	To authorize the transportation in commerce of DOT 4B cylinders that are exempt from the maximum 1,000 pound water capacity requirement. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4)
11954–N	RSPA-97-2904	Republic Environmental Systems (PA), Inc., Hatfield, PA.	49 CFR 173.29, Part 178.	To authorize the transportation in commerce of reused UN 1A2/Y/1.2 drums that were previously used to transport lab pack quantities of waste without meeting the retesting and reconditioning requirements for use in transporting various classes of hazardous materials. (mode 1)

### **NEW EXEMPTIONS—Continued**

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# Research and Special Programs Administration

# International Standards on the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise persons that RSPA will conduct a public meeting to exchange views on proposals submitted to the sixteenth session of the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) Dangerous Goods Panel (DGP) to be held in Montreal, Canada on October 20–31, 1997.

DATES: October 16, 1997 at 9:30 a.m. ADDRESSES: Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, Room 8406A, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington, DC 20590–0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frits Wybenga, (202) 366–0656, International Standards Coordinator for Hazardous Materials Safety, RSPA, Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This** meeting will be held in preparation for the sixteenth session of the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel Working Group. The primary purpose of the Panel meeting will be to discuss proposed amendments to the ICAO Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air (the Technical Instructions). The Panel will consider possible amendments to resolve problems encountered with the use of the Technical Instructions, and amendments to the Technical Instructions on the basis of revisions to the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (UN Recommendations).

The public is invited to attend without prior notification.

### **Documents**

Documents submitted to the ICAO Dangerous Goods Panel may be reviewed between the hours of 8:30 and 5:00 in RSPA's Dockets Unit located in room 8419 of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 366–5046. Copies of documents may also be ordered by contacting RSPA's Dockets Unit.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 16, 1997.

#### Alan I. Roberts,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

## **Surface Transportation Board**

[STB Finance Docket No. 33458]

Cargill, Incorporated—Acquisition of Control Exemption—A&R Line, Inc. and J.K. Line, Inc.

Cargill, Incorporated (Cargill), a noncarrier, has filed a notice of exemption to acquire control, through stock purchase, of A&R Line, Inc., and J.K. Line, Inc. (rail lines), Class III railroads, operating in the State of Indiana.<sup>1</sup>

The earliest the transaction could be consummated is September 12, 1997,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The rail lines will be purchased from Daniel R. Frick, the sole shareholder of the rail lines, and are part of a larger transaction involving the purchase of four facilities for the storage and distribution of bulk commodities, fertilizer and agricultural chemicals. The rail lines provide the transportation services to two of the four facilities being purchased by Cargill.